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Introduced by Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Noyes of Wolcott,
Andriano of Orwell, Branagan of Georgia, Cina of Burlington,
Cordes of Lincoln, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of
Rockingham, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire,
McFaun of Barre Town, and Pajala of Londonderry

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Medicare; Medicare Savings Program; Qualified Medicare
Beneficiary (QMB) program; Specified Low-Income Medicare
Beneficiary (SLMB) Program; Qualifying Individuals (QI) Program;
income threshold; eligibility

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the
income eligibility threshold for Medicare Savings Programs.

An act relating to Medicare Savings Program eligibility

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; INCOME ELIGIBILITY

The Agency of Human Services shall make the following changes to the
Medicare Savings Programs:

- 1 (1) increase the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program
2 income threshold to 150 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL);
3 (2) eliminate the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
4 Program; and
5 (3) increase the Qualifying Individual (QI) Program income threshold to
6 185 percent FPL.

7 Sec. 2. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM; MEDICAID STATE PLAN
8 AMENDMENT

9 The Agency of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers for
10 Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont's Medicaid state plan to
11 make adjustments to the Medicare Savings Programs as set forth in Sec. 1 of
12 this act.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

- 14 (a) Sec. 1 shall take effect upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and
15 Medicaid Services of the amendment to Vermont's Medicaid state plan as
16 directed in Sec. 2.
17 (b) Sec. 2 and this section shall take effect on passage.